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Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled an act forming a new county out of part of Bath, Pendleton and Randolph Counties on the 5th, day of ~~May~~ February 1822. John Jordan, William Poage, James Tallman, John Baxter and George Burner were commissioned as Justices of the County of Pocahontas, these gentlemen met at the house of John Bradshaw on March 5th, John Baxter administered the oath to the other men, this oath was to uphold the constitution of the U.S and the Commonwealth and against dueling, these men after taking the oath took their seats and organized themselves into a court for Pocahontas County.

John Jordan being commissioned by his excellency Thomas Mann Randolph Governor of Virginia as the sheriff of Pocahontas County, who gave bond according to law with Abraham and Isaac McNeel as his surities in the amount of \$ 30,000.00. Josiah Beard was appointed by the court as clerk of the county Court with bond of \$ 3,000.00 with Thomas Beard, George Poage and James Tallman as surities, his oath was the same as the other gentlemen. Johnston Reynolds was appointed as attorney for the commonwealth in Pocahontas County. Sampson Mathews was appointed by the court as a fit and proper person to fill the office of surveyor for Pocahontas County. Milburn Hughes was appointed constable for the lower district which is Little Levels today, where he formerly acted as constable when the county was within the boundary of Bath

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in old Virginia, his surities were William McNeel and Robert McClintic and the bond was for \$ 500.00. James Cooper was appointed by the court as constable for the district called the head of the Greenbrier with William Slavens and Samuel Hogshead his surities. Cyrus Cary and Johnston Reynolds obtained a license to practice law in the inferior & superior courts of law within the commonwealth. (Court adjourned till the following morning March 6.)

The proceedings of the next day was the following Jonathan Jordan was qualified as a deputy sheriff to assist his father. James Callison was appointed surveyor for Little Levels to keep the roads in repair, William Edmiston was appointed surveyor for a stretch of road from William Poages to the second ford on Beaver-Lick Creek. John Hill appointed as overseer from second ford on Beaver-Lick Creek to the twenty mile tree, he formerly worked under Isaac McNeel who kept the road up before this time. Alexander Woddle appointed to oversee the road leading from the fork of road on Douthards Creek to the top of Allegheny Mountain. John McNeel (Little) appointed to look after the road from Stephen Hole Run to the ford of Greenbrier River opposite William Poages. Robert Moore to look after road from William Poages to John Bradshaws. Martin Dilley to look after the road from forks of road on Douthards Creek to Isaac Moorts on Knapps Creek with the same men he had working under him before the county was formed. Benjamin Arbogast for the road leading from Levi Moores to the corner of Thomas Galfords fence. William Sharp the road from John Dunn-

place to Cloverlick. George Burner the road from John Slavens to the old Bath County line using the same men that had worked under Jacob Yeager and Adam Arbogast and also the men that had formerly worked under John May. Joseph Wolfenbarger the road from the Widow Warwicks to John Bradshaws as far as the head of Thomas Creek using the same men that Sampson Mathews had used on the West of Greenbrier River called the Allegheny settlement. Robert Gay appointed as commissioner of revenue for Pocahontas County with William Cackley and John Baxter as his surities. Besides attending to the appointments of the latter they acted on other business such as granting Travis W Perkins to open a house of entertainment until the next term of court in May, he having paid his fee to the clerk of the court.

The following men were recommended as Justices of the Peace Jacob Mathews, Thomas Hill, John Slaven, James Callison, William Edmiston, John Gilland, William Cackley, Samuel Cummings, John Bradshaw, Joseph Moore, Patrick Bruffey, James Waugh and James Sharp court adjourned to meet April 2/1822.

By this time there had been some little trouble within the border of the county so a grandjury was chosen to sit and hear testimony and if the facts were proven an indictment was returned against each person that had committed a crime, the grandjury composed of the following men sat as a body Samuel Daugherty, foreman, John Moroney, John Johnston, Joseph Friel, James Grames, James